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CITY ATTORNEY SET TO FILE LITIGATION AGAINST SDG&E IF IT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH STATE'S RENEWABLE ENERGY LAW

San Diego, CA— “Incomplete at best, intentionally compromised at worst,” is the City Attorney’s assessment of San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) efforts to reach the state’s 20 percent renewable electricity mandate by the close of 2010. The assertion is contained in the latest City Attorney investigative report, which also states that the City’s franchise agreement with SDG&E requires compliance with state law.

“The state law is clear—move away from burning coal and natural gas and move toward clean, renewable sources of electricity,” said City Attorney Michael Aguirre. “In an effort to ensure that SDG&E complies with state law, the City Attorney’s Office is preparing litigation.”

In 2002, California launched the world’s most aggressive program to transition from burning fossil fuels to producing electricity from clean, renewable sources. Generating electricity is responsible for about 40 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions.

The report entitled *Interim Report No. 32, California’s Renewable Energy Mandate in Peril: San Diego Gas & Electric Must do More to Reach 20 Percent Renewable Energy by 2010* further states, “there is an undeniable contradiction between SDG&E’s obligation to develop clean renewable projects and Sempra Energy’s efforts to promote the use of natural gas. Evidence of this contradiction becomes apparent when comparing SDG&E’s ‘passive’ approach to meeting the renewable mandate, with the energetic and innovative efforts made by Sempra in developing liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects and other natural gas initiatives.”

“Given the magnitude of SDG&E’s renewable energy shortfall we have called upon them to do no less – that is, we call on SDG&E to initiate a rooftop solar program involving hundreds of megawatts of solar electric systems within the city as a step toward meeting their renewable mandate,” said City Attorney Aguirre.

To view the report and exhibits, visit www.sandiegocityattorney.org, click “City Attorney Interim Investigative Reports.”

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